GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3605
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CLOSURE OF BALMER LAWRIE AND COMPANY
K. MURALEEDHARAN

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to close down the Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd., Alleppey ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; (

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to implement a new project in the unit ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) and (b) : The Marine Freight Container Division of Balmer Lawrie & Co. Limited at Aroor, Alapuzha District, Kerala had been idling since November, 1998 for want of orders. The viability of this unit had come under strain since then and operation of plant was at stand still. The continued operation of the Division threatened to lead the entire company to sickness. L/lk

(c) and (d): Discussion have been held on 13th April, 2000 with the State Government ofKerala who have agreed to submit a viable revival proposal for consideration within a month.